## DESIGN & ENGINEERING SERVICES DIVISION SOUTHEAST REGION - DESIGN

August 6, 2003

## Dear Reviewer:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is pleased to release this Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Gravina Access Project. Your review is an important part of the process. Comments made at public hearings and in writing will help us to develop a final EIS. The purpose of this document is to disclose adverse impacts and benefits so that the public and decision makers can be as informed as possible.

Public hearings will be held the week of September 15, 2003. Look for notice in the *Ketchikan Daily News* and at www.gravina-access.com. The likely format will include an open house on Tuesday September 16 and hearings on the evenings of September 17 and 18. At the open house, you may look over the EIS, large maps, and models of the alternatives and ask questions of project representatives. The hearings will allow individuals and organizations to present formal comments. Testimony will be recorded, and a transcript will be produced. Individuals will have three minutes to speak. Organizations will have five minutes.

Written comments on the Draft EIS will be accepted at the open house and hearings and any time **through October 6, 2003**. Please submit comments via mail on 8½x11 light colored paper suitable for copying, or via email or fax:

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Sincerely.

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